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FOLLOWING IS THE JANUARY 29 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA POST  
ACCOUNT OF THE TRIAL AND SENTENCING OF WANG HSING-NAN:  
QUOTE

WANG HSING-NAN, WHO WAS ARRESTED BY LAW-ENFORCEMENT  
AUTHORITIES ON A CHARGE OF HAVING BEEN ENGAGED BY ANOTHER  
PERSON TO MAIL PARCEL BOMBS AND CREATE SOCIAL PANIC IN AN  
ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND OF HAVING STARTED  
TO TAKE TERRORIST  
ACTION, WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT  
FRIDAY BY A MILITARY COURT.

WANG WAS PUBLICLY ACCUSED BY THE MILITARY PROSECUTOR OF  
THE TAIWAN GARRISON COMMAND HEADQUARTERS ON THE BASIS OF  
UNDENIABLE TESTIMONY BY WITNESSES AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE.

FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JUDGMENT:  
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### 1. PRINCIPAL SENTENCE

WANG HSING-NAN, WHO ATTEMPTED TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERN-  
MENT BY ILLEGAL MEANS AND HAD STARTED TO TAKE ACTION, IS  
SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. AFTER ANNOUNCING THE JUDG-  
MENT THE CHIEF JUSTICE TOLD THE DEFENDANT THAT HE WAS

ENTITLED TO SEEK A RETRIAL WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE TIME THE JUDGMENT WAS HANDED DOWN AND THAT THE MILITARY COURT WOULD SUBMIT ALLRELATED RECORDS FOR AN EARLY RETRIAL AS PROCEDURAL PRACTICE DICTATES.

## 2. FACTS

(A) JOINING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES: WANG HSING-NAN (36, A REGISTERED RESIDENT OF TAINAN CITY WITH PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES) MADE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF THE TERRORIST ELEMENTS CHANG TSAN-HUNG AND LIN CHEN-CHANG, WHO ARE RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES, IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN AUGUST, 1973, AND NOVEMBER, 1974, AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. CHANG AND LIN HAVE OPERATED A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION FOR YEARS. THEY MUSTERED A CAPITAL OF US\$200,000 TO ESTABLISH THE "TAI PING COMPANY" IN NEW YORK AND HAVE USED THE BUSINESS PROFITS FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THEY HAVE PURCHASED WEAPONS, MADE BOMBS, ENGAGED IN VARIOUS TERRORIST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING MURDER, THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES, ETC., AND HAVE SPREAD RUMORS IN ORDER TO CREATE SOCIAL PANIC AND CARRY OUT THEIR CONSPIRACY OF OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. INSTIGATED BY THESE ELEMENTS, WANG HSING-NAN JOINED THEIR ORGANIZATION IN NOVEMBER OF 1974.

WANG HSING-NAN WAS PREPARED TO RETURN TO TAIWAN TO TAKE HIS DEPENDENTS TO THE UNITED STATES TOWARD THE END OF JANUARY, 1976. CHANG TSAN-HUNG URGED HIM TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAIL PARCEL BOMBS TO CREATE SOCIAL DISTURBANCE

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AND PANIC AND TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS TO AUGMENT THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. WANG ACCEPTED THE ASSIGNMENT AND WENT TO CHICAGO TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM A MAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE SURNAMED LIN ON HOW TO MAKE PARCEL BOMBS. IN FEBRUARY OF 1976, WANG DISCUSSED WITH CHANG TSAN-HUNG THE DETAILS OF THEIR CONSPIRACY. THEY DECIDED TO USE THICK BOOKS AS THE CASES FOR THEIR BOMBS, REMOVING THE INNER PART OF THE BOOKS TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE EXPLOSIVES AND THEN TO MAIL THEM AS PARCELS. BEFORE WANG'S DEPARTURE FOR TAIWAN, CHANG GAVE HIM US\$2,000 AS A REWARD AND PROMISED TO GIVE HIM MORE AFTER HE TOOK ACTION. CHANG ALSO TOLD WANG WHO THE BOMB TARGETS WERE TO BE AND DUPLICATED THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR WANG TO PASTE ON THE OUTSIDE WRAPPING OF THE PARCELS.

(B) RETURNING TO TAIWAN TO ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES OF VIOLENCE: WANG HSING-NAN RETURNED TO TAIWAN IN APRIL OF 1976. HE DID NOT START TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION ASSIGNED TO HIM BY CHANG, BECAUSE HE FOUND THAT THE SOCIETY WAS IN GOOD ORDER, THE SECURITY MEASURES WERE TIGHT AND HE COULD NOT

FIND THE RIGHT INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST GROUP. AT CHANG'S URGING, WANG RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES IN JUNE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. IN JULY, HE RETURNED TO TAIWAN AND IN AUGUST HE BEGAN BUYING THE MATERIALS FOR MAKING BOMBS. THESE MATERIALS WERE PURCHASED IN TAINAN CITY RESPECTIVELY FROM A PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT DEALER ON PARK ROAD, AN INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE ON PARK ROAD, AN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE STORE ON MIN TSU ROAD AND FROM THE MARKETPLACE ON PAO AN NORTH STREET. ON OCTOBER 6, HE PLACED THESE MATERIALS IN THE CARDBOARD BOX OF A TATUNG STANDING ELECTRIC FAN AND DISPATCHED THE BOX TO TAIPEI THROUGH THE RAILWAY CARGO SERVICE. WANG RECEIVED THE BOX AT THE TAIPEI RAILWAY STATION THE AFTERNOON OF THE FOLLOWING DAY AND TOOK IT WITH HIM TO A HOTEL ON CHANG AN WEST ROAD IN TAIPEI. HE THEN WENT TO A BOOKSTORE ON CHUNGKING SOUTH ROAD TO BUY SIX THICK VOLUMES OF BOOKS, INCLUDING THE MANDARIN DAILY DICTIONARY, NEW MANDARIN DICTIONARY AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TZU HAI (A POPULAR CHINESE DICTIONARY). HE BOUGHT TEN LARGE MANILA ENVELOPES AT A BUS TICKET STALL, AND WENT TO VARIOUS SHOPS IN THE YUAN LING STREET MARKET AND ON CHENGCHOW ROAD, CHUNGKING NORTH ROAD AND HUAYIN STREET TO PURCHASE TOOLS FOR MAKING THE BOMBS. HE RETURNED TO THE HOTEL WITH HIS PURCHASES. ON THE EVENINGS OF OCTOBER 7 AND 8, HE MADE THREE PARCEL BOMBS. AFTER AFFIXING POSTAGE STAMPS AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES TO THE PARCELS, HE TOOK A TAXICAB AND CARRIED THE PARCELS TO THE NORTH GATE POST OFFICE, MAILED THEM, AND THEN WENT TO THE AIRPORT TO TAKE A PLANE TO THE UNITED STATES VIA JAPAN. ON OCTOBER 10, GOVERNOR HSIEH TUNG-MIN OF TAIWAN PROVINCE RECEIVED ONE OF THE PARCELS AND OPENED IT. THE BOMB WENT OFF, WOUNDING HIS HANDS. THE OTHER TWO PARCELS ALSO REACHED THE INTENDED ADDRESSES BUT FORTUNATELY WERE NOT OPENED.

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THE CASE WAS SOLVED BY THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT OF THE TAIWAN GARRISON COMMAND HEADQUARTERS. WANG WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED AND REFERRED TO THE MILITARY COURT TOGETHER WITH ALL THE EVIDENCE OBTAINED FOR INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL.

WANG FRANKLY ADMITTED ALL OF THE FOREGOING FACTS DURING THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE MILITARY PROSECUTOR OF THE TAIWAN GARRISON COMMAND HEADQUARTERS. ALL OF THE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SUPPLIED MATERIALS TO WANG CONFIRMED THE SALES. STATEMENTS DISTRIBUTED BY THE OVERSEAS TERRORIST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH WANG BELONGED ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CRIME HAD BEEN COMMITTED BY ITS MEMBERS. THE EVIDENCE AND THE REPORTS OF WITNESSES WERE THEREFORE UNDENIABLE AND CONCLUSIVE.

### 3. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE TRIAL

DURING THE TRIAL, THE COURT WAS CROWDED WITH MEMBERS OF WANG'S FAMILY AND OTHER OBSERVERS. THE DEFENDANT CHOSE ATTORNEY HU SHIH-WU TO DEFEND HIM. THE DEFENDANT'S FATHER, WANG MENG-TUNG, SPOKE FOR HIS SON AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE COURT WOULD BE LENIENT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WANG HSING-NAN HAD LIMITED SCHOOLING, WAS IGNORANT OF POLITICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AFFAIRS AND WAS UNEMPLOYED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY AT THE TIME. THESE FACTORS, HE SAID, HAD MADE IT EASY FOR THE TERRORIST ELEMENTS TO PERSUADE HIS SON TO COMMIT THE CRIME. THE ELDER WANG ALSO EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET AT THE INJURIES TO THE HANDS OF GOVERNOR HSIEH AND SAID THE GOVERNOR HAD ALWAYS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE. THE MILITARY PROSECUTOR STIPULATED THAT ALTHOUGH WANG HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO CARRY OUT A CONTINUING CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY BY JOINING THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AND MAKING AND MAILING THE PARCEL BOMBS IN AN ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT, THUS MAKING HIMSELF LIABLE FOR THE PENALTY SET FORTH IN THE FIRST CLAUSE OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE STATUTE GOVERNING THE PENALTIES FOR SEDITION ACTIVITIES, ALL FACTORS AND CIRCUMSTANCES--WHETHER FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE TO THE DEFENDANT--HAD TO

BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. HE WENT ON TO NOTE THAT WANG HSING-NAN DID NOT FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF CHANG TSAN-HUNG TO USE TNT BUT INSTEAD USED COMMON BLACK POWDER. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WHILE CHANG HAD INSTRUCTED WANG TO MAKE SIX PARCEL BOMBS, WANG HAD AT HIS OWN DISCRETION MADE ONLY THREE. THESE FACTS SHOWED, THE MILITARY PROSECUTOR SAID, THAT WANG WAS NOT COMPLETELY DEVOID OF CONSCIENCE. ADDITIONALLY, WANG HAD VOLUNTARILY IMPLICATED CHANG TSAN-HUNG AND LIN CHEN-CHANG AND EXPOSED THEIR TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION IN THE PREVENTION OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS. THE MILITARY PROSECUTOR THEREFORE REQUESTED THE MILITARY COURT TO REDUCE WANG'S PUNISHMENT.

4. ON THE WANTED LIST

IN RECENT YEARS, INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM HAS AROUSED INDIGNATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE TERRORIST GROUP ORGANIZED ABROAD BY CHANG AND OTHERS AND TO WHICH WANG BELONGED HAS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES AGAINST ITS OWN COUNTRY FROM A BASE IN A FOREIGN LAND AND IS THEREFORE MORE VICIOUS THAN OTHER INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GANGS. NOW THAT WANG

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HAS BEEN SENTENCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, THE MASTER-MINDS OF THE TERRORIST GROUP, CHANG TSAN-HUNG, MALE, 41, FROM TAINAN, AND LIN CHEN-CHANG, MALE, 34, FROM ILAN, AND SEVERAL OTHERS ARE ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE WANTED LIST. FROM THE UNCOVERING OF THE CASE AND THROUGH INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL, THE COURT HAS FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUNCTILIOUSNESS, OPENNESS AND FAIRNESS. THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH THE STANDARD OF RESPECT FOR THE LAW, THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE INNOCENT SHOULD NOT BE WRONGED AND THE GUILTY SHOULD NOT ESCAPE PUNISHMENT. THE COURT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ALL COMPATRIOTS AT HOME AND ABROAD WOULD HEIGHTEN THEIR VIGILANCE AND STRIVE HARDER TO ASSURE NATIONAL SECURITY AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING.

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